



**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
GREENVILLE DIVISION**

CAROL LYNN LITTLETON,
Plaintiff,

vs.

ANDREW SAUL, Commissioner of Social
Security,
Defendant.

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CIVIL ACTION 6:18-2662-MGL

**ORDER ADOPTING THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
AND REVERSING AND REMANDING
DEFENDANT'S FINAL DECISION DENYING BENEFITS**

This is a Social Security appeal in which Plaintiff Carol Lynn Littleton (Littleton) seeks judicial review of the final decision of Defendant Andrew Saul (Saul) denying her claims for Disability Insurance Benefits and Supplemental Security Income . The matter is before the Court for review of the Report and Recommendation (Report) of the United States Magistrate Judge suggesting Saul's final decision denying Littleton's claims be reversed and remanded for further administrative proceedings.

The Magistrate Judge makes only a recommendation to this Court. The recommendation has no presumptive weight. The responsibility to make a final determination remains with the Court. *Mathews v. Weber*, 423 U.S. 261, 270 (1976). The Court is charged with making a de novo determination of those portions of the Report to which specific objection is made, and the Court may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the recommendation of the Magistrate Judge or recommit the matter with instructions. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1).

The Magistrate Judge filed the Report on September 12, 2019; and on September 26, 2019, Saul filed a reply stating he would not be filing any objections. “[I]n the absence of a timely filed objection, a district court need not conduct a de novo review, but instead must ‘only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation.’” *Diamond v. Colonial Life & Acc. Ins. Co.*, 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005) (quoting Fed. R. Civ. P. 72 advisory committee’s note). Moreover, a failure to object waives appellate review. *Wright v. Collins*, 766 F.2d 841, 845-46 (4th Cir. 1985).

After a thorough review of the Report and the record in this case pursuant to the standard set forth above, the Court adopts the Report and incorporates it herein. Therefore, it is the judgment of the Court Saul’s final decision denying Littleton’s claims is **REVERSED** and **REMANDED** for further administrative proceedings.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed this 9th day of October, 2019, in Columbia, South Carolina.

s/ Mary Geiger Lewis
MARY GEIGER LEWIS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE